

RECOMMENDED BY A&K

From the vibrant greens of the Costa Rican forests to the running rainbow waters of Caño Cristales, these past weeks have been incredible, exploring many beautiful destinations in Latin America. Costa Rica and Colombia are countries with easy flight connectivity that can be visited any time of the year and offer an array of diverse landscapes, nature, adventure, and engaging activities. Our A&K teams are always in search of unique experiences and true connections with the local culture. We explore, vet, and create so your clients can explore our destinations the A&K way, guided by our teams on the ground. Check out some of our new experiences and follow me on IG @ dalygibu to learn more.

Pura Vida!



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Our Recommendation of the Month

Sky Biking in Monteverde, Costa Rica

Monteverde is a must-do destination when visiting Costa Rica. A playground for every adventure seeker! visited Monteverde right after canyoning and ziplining in Rio Perdido - plus hot springs time to relax. Besides ziplining, I wanted to try something different so we visited Treetopia for their new sky biking, following some tree climbing, tarzan swing and hanging bridges, an exciting day which ended at the top of the canopy with some hot cocoa overlooking the amazing cloudforest! For the next days, we headed to surf paradise Nosara to stay at the beautiful Silvestre residences welcomed by our friends Chris and Aaron, and then to Santa Teresa for perfect sunsets at Nantipa and Pasha. Seriously, never a dull moment in Costa Rica! Let's plan the next adventure for your clients together!



Our Recommendation of the Month

Argentine Asado, Malbec and the Tigre Aboard the Bruma

Feel like a true Porteño on a visit to Tigre, just 40 minutes from Buenos Aires. One of the favorite places for locals, Tigre has always been a spot to relax with family, friends, or a special someone. Whether navigating the delta or enjoying a picnic by the shore, this is an experience to cherish and remember. And, of course, our local team in Argentina has found a way to elevate this excursion to another level, allowing your guests to navigate Tigre in style. Hop on board the Bruma, a boat built in 1980, that was originally conceived for transporting timber and fruit, and has now been revamped to offer a cruise-like experience. Designed to easily traverse rivers, the Bruma is an ideal choice for navigating the delta's numerous rivers and waterways. Learn about the islanders' peaceful lifestyle just before hopping off at a spot where a typical Argentine asado and Malbec await.



A&K NEWS IN LATIN AMERICA















WE'RE OPENING IN MEXICO!

The colors, the flavors, the quaint culture that fascinates every visitor, and the welcoming smile of the locals eager to share their traditions—we love every bit of Mexico, and so do our guests. With this in mind, and considering your questions and requests, we're pleased to announce plans to open our newest office in Mexico, making it our ninth office in the region! This strategic move solidifies A&K's commitment to providing exceptional travel experiences in Latin America and coincides with our plans to open a property here.

Leading the opening of this new office is Graeme Bull, an A&K veteran who recently oversaw the successful opening of the company's Colombia DMC.

At Abercrombie & Kent Latin America, we are most happy about this milestone, as it doesn't just solidify an expected sustained expansion strategy, but embodies the trust that you, our partners, place in our hands with every booking, every call, and every conversation. Today, we are happy to say that we can offer an even richer portfolio in Latin America, with the benefit of our experience, creativity, attention to detail and passion for high-end service every step of the way.

Looking forward to welcoming you!

INTRODUCING PURE AMAZON - A **NEW CLASS OF BOUTIQUE RIVERBOAT!**

Discover one of the last true wildernesses on Earth aboard our visionary new riverboat, Pure Amazon. A triumph of conscious design, the state-of-the-art vessel builds on decades of South American expertise from A&K to redefine luxury travel in Peru.

Navigating the richly biodiverse headwaters of the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve with a maximum 22 guests, Pure Amazon offers groundbreaking style and comfort, from haute cuisine to onboard wellness facilities. Panoramic windows and local craftmanship inspire a seamless relationship with the riverscape; whether spotting caiman from the sky lounge or unwinding in your spacious suite, the rainforest is a constant in your journey.

This is a remote region of Peru -rarely visited by travelers, where local communities and uncountable endemic species exist, little-changed by the modern world. Anacondas slide into the water from the banks, sloths inching along branches and flashes of bright blue and yellow macaws. With flexible itineraries and shore excursions featuring bestin-class guides and equipment, there's no finer way to explore.

Discover life at the source of the mighty Amazon in unparalleled style from June 2025. Register your interest to be among the first notified when bookings open.

WHAT'S NEW IN LATIN AMERICA



Peru Acknowledged as National Geographic's Best Destination

For the second year in a row, Peru has been acknowledged as National Geographic's Best World Destination for 2024. Paracas, Lake Titicaca, the Colca Canyon, and the Nazca

are said to deserve a dedicated trip. Contact our local team in Peru for inspiration on how to enhance your clients' visit to the Land of the Incas.

Direct Flights from Bogota

We are happy to announce that Avianca has presented 2 new direct routes from Bogota: *Bogota-Paris: flights will operate three times a week, on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, but they are expected to increase to five flights a week by mid-July.

*Bogota-Chicago: starting October 27th, this route will operate 7 times a week.

Condé Nast's Hot List Winners of 2024

Condé Nast Traveler has announced their annual collection of the World's Best New Hotels, Restaurants, and Cruise Ships. We are proud to announce that two of our hotel partners made it to the list! Congratulations to:

*Puqio, in the Colca Valley: Peru's first tented camp brings elevated safari-style accommodations to this region, known for the dramatic Colca Canyon!

*Casa Lucia, in Buenos Aires: A soothing embrace in a city that blends sophistication with tradition and flavors, bringing to life a metropolis to fall in love with.

Latin America for Summertime

Several travel magazines have released their recommendations of places to visit this summer. Instead of sharing multiple articles, we'll simply list the most lured destinations in the region for your convenience:

o Mexico City, Mexico

o Costa Rica

o Uruguay

- o Cartagena, Colombia
- o Quito, Ecuador
- o Buenos Aires, Argentina
- o Bariloche, Argentina

Lines are some of the must-includes in your Peru

itinerary. And, just in case you were wondering, Machu Picchu and the Cusco region



Chinese Nationals Required a Visa to Enter Ecuador

Please note that as of July 1st, nationals from the People's Republic of China are required to have a visa to enter Ecuador. While this does not affect any of our current bookings, we kindly ask you to keep this in mind for new inquiries.

Our on-site team will be happy to assist.

Contact us for further information: info@abercrombiekent.com.ec



11 Latin American Restaurants Among the World's 50 Best

The 50 Best has recently released their list of the World's 50 Best Restaurants, with Latin America earning 11 spots! This accolade is no surprise given the amazing local cuisine and the region's growing appeal among discerning foodies. If you're planning your journey, make sure to visit:

- o Maido, in Lima 5th place
- o Quintonil, in Mexico city 7th place
- o Don Julio, in Buenos Aires 10th place
- o Kjolle, in Lima 16th place
- o El Chato, in Bogota, 25th place
- o Casa do Porco in Sao Paulo 27th place
- o Borago in Santiago 29th place
- o Pujol in Mexico city 33rd place
- o Rosetta in Mexico city 24th place
- o Oteque in Rio de Janeiro 37th place
- o Mayta, in Lima 41st place



Ecuador Last-Minute Specials

With great weather year-round, versatile destinations, and short distances, Ecuador is always an ideal destination to visit. Take advantage of discounts and last-minute deals on selected Galapagos Cruises and Amazon Lodges! Contact our local team to benefit from up to 20% discounts when booking with A&K.

OUR TEAM IN LATIN AMERICA

Latin America Managing Team - Yearly Meeting

Every year, our regional managing team convenes to set goals, strategies, and plans aimed at enhancing client experiences. This year's meeting took place in Costa Rica, where we identified opportunities for improvement and brainstormed ideas to elevate our service offerings. Stay tuned to learn more about the exciting products and services that will soon be available!









A&K Colombia Team: Inspection to Caño Cristales

Recently, our Regional Sales & Marketing Director and Colombia Management team conducted an inspection ahead of a private jet operation to Caño Cristales, the Rainbow River in Colombia. We focused on fine-tuning operational details, strengthening connections with property owners and staff, and selecting top guides to ensure our guests experience Caño Cristales the A&K way. This hidden gem offers a unique landscape, flora, and fauna, making it a must-see destination in Colombia and Latin America.



OUR EXPERT ADVICE ON THE COFFEE REGION



My Favorite Local Thing to Do in the Coffee Region:

Marvel at the stunning landscape, listen to birdsong at a peaceful spot, and savor a cup of exceptional Colombian coffee.

Top 5 Things to Do in the Coffee Region:

- 1. Visit coffee farms and learn all about the coffee culture and experience.
- 2. See the wax palm trees, making the backdrops of the Cocora Valley.
- 3. Take a hike to "Los Nevados National Natural Park".
- 4. Visit a local "Hacienda".
- **5.** Go on a bird-watching tour to try and spot one of the over 600 native species.

My Favorite A&K Experience?

Take a hot-air balloon ride for breathtaking views of the Coffee Region (Pereira, Manizales, and Armenia), capturing enviable photos and videos to share on social media.

My Favorite Hotels to Stay at?

Hacienda Bambusa, Bio Habitat Hotel, Nido del Condor and Sazagua Hotel.

My Favorite Restaurant in the Coffee Region?

Octavo, by Rausch and Ambar in Pereira, Quindú in Salento and Helena in Filandia.

What to Bring on Your Trip:

Pack essentials and be prepared for changing weather. Comfortable footwear, a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a waterproof jacket are recommended.

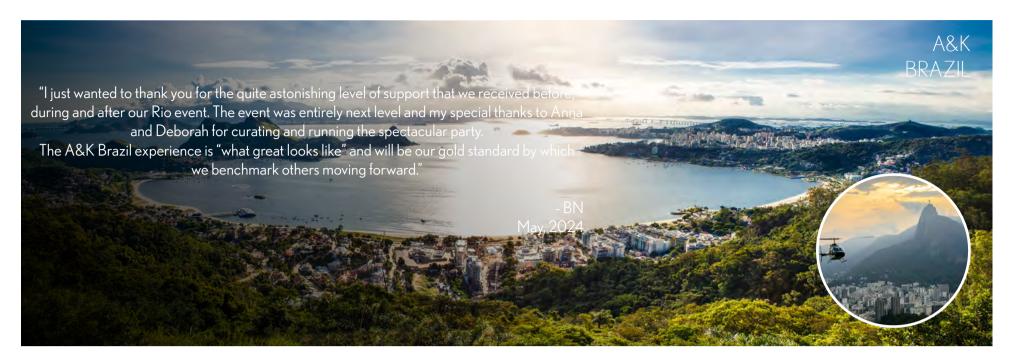
My Local Advice:

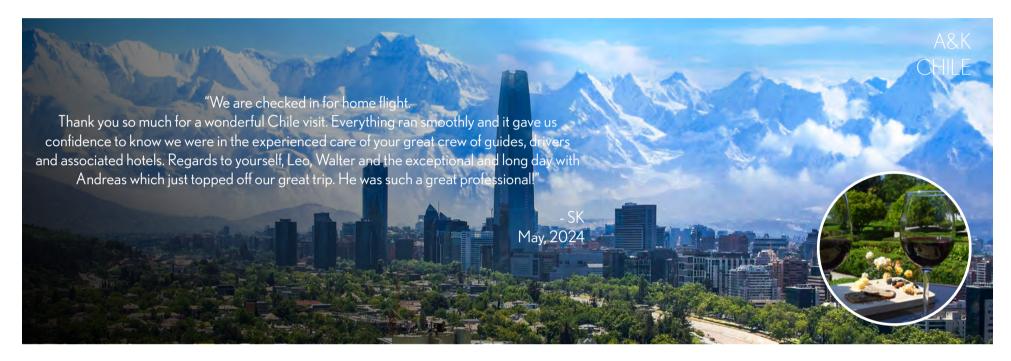
Nature takes center stage in the Coffee Region, so immerse yourself in its activities. Experience different types of coffee, embrace the coffee culture, and consider flying into Matecaña Airport in Pereira for optimal weather conditions.

Visit the Coffee Region

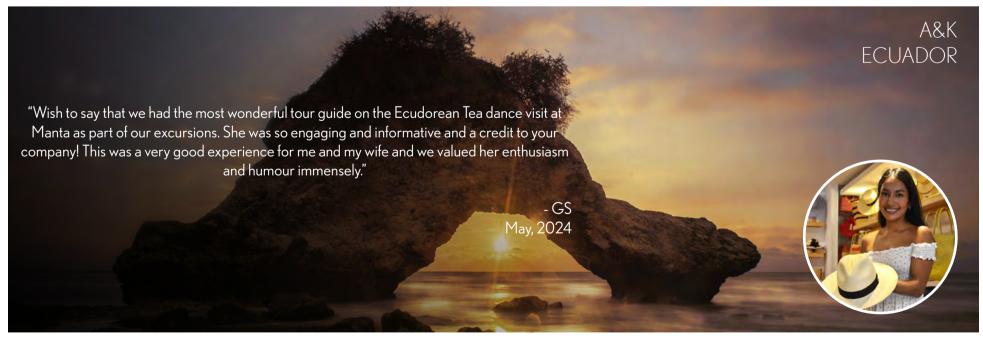
This itinerary will allow you to enjoy a beautiful experience in the Coffee Region, and complement it with other must-see destinations of Colombia.

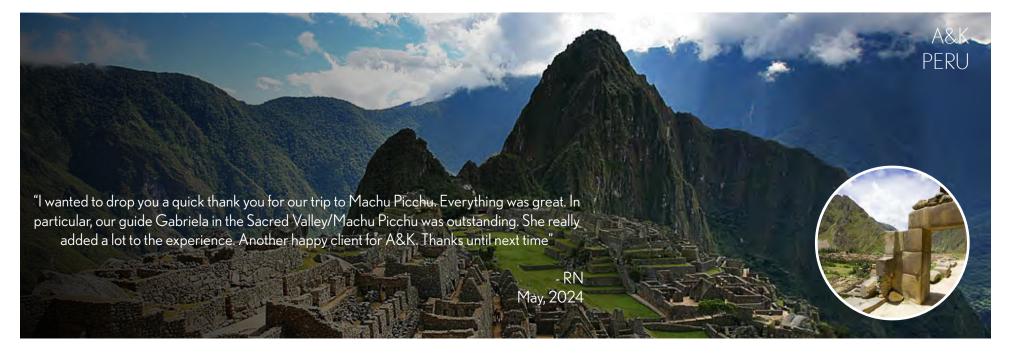












FLAVORS OF LATIN AMERICA

Ecuadorian Cheese-Filled Empanadas de Verde

Any good Ecuadorian at birth or at heart knows that there is nothing better than green-plantain-based food. Be it for a snack, for breakfast or a more a elaborate meal, green plantain is an important part of Ecuadorian traditions, for its flavor, nutritional value and unparalleled flavor. And today we are going to teach you how to make delicious empanadas de verde (green-plantain empanadas).

What you will Need

- 4 green plantains
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- •1 teaspoon of salt

- · 1 cup of grated cheese (fresh or mozzarella)
- 1/3 cup of finely diced white onion
- Oil for frying

Instructions

- 1. Wash, peel and cut into pieces the green plantains, so they cook faster.
- 2. Grate 1 of the plantains.
- 3. Cook the other plantains until tender (a pressure cooker is recommended for faster results). When finished, only discard 3/4 of the water, and keep the rest.
- 4. Remove the cooked plantains from the heat, and while still warm, mash them up in the remaining water, until you have a thick coarse, then add salt the butter and the grated plantain and mix it all together.
- 5. Make balls with the dough, and then press them into discs.
- 6. Separately, mix the cheese and the onion together, and place a spoonful of this filling on every disc. Then close it up, and you will have an empanada
- 7. Place your batch of empanadas in the fridge for about an hour before frying (not mandatory, but recommended, so they seal better).
- 8. Fry your empanadas, and get ready for the compliments.

Expert Tips

*The perfect pairing for any green-plantain-based treat is black coffee. If you want to look like an international connoisseur, while keeping it simple, trust us and serve your empanadas with freshly brewed black coffee.

*Not a fan of cheese? You may also fill your empanadas de verde with shrimp, chicken or beef. Your call!







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